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POWER SHORTAGE IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is severe shortage of power in Delhi;

(b) if so, the actual demand and supply of power in Delhi at present;

(c) whether the Government of Delhi has sought the assistance of the Union Government to tide over the crisis;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the privatization of power in Delhi has not improved the power position in Delhi; and

(f) if so, the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of power in Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : There has been overall shortage of power in the country including Delhi. Details of demand and supply of power in respect of Delhi during the current year (April − July, 2006) are given below:

Energy (MU)				Peak (MW)			
Requirement	Availability	Surplus / Deficit (-)		Demand	Met	Surplus / Deficit (-)	
(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(%)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(%)
8,562	8,313	-249	-2.9	4,000	3,736	-264	-6.6

(c) & (d) : No request has been received from Government of Delhi in recent past to address the prevailing shortage of power in Delhi.

(e) : According to Government of NCT of Delhi, privatization of distribution sector in Delhi has shown very encouraging results. Distribution companies are committed to reduce Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses by about 17% in the first five years, against which AT&C losses in the first four years have already reduced by about 12%. Further, there has been significant reduction in the assistance provided Government of NCT of Delhi to Delhi Transco Limited from about Rs.1,200 crore/year at the time of privatization to about Rs.138 crore in 2005-06 and only a nominal amount of about Rs.91 crore has been spent for subsidizing the power tariff for domestic and agricultural consumers during 2005-06.

(f) : Ministry of Power has facilitated singing of Memorandum of Understanding / Power Purchase Agreement by Delhi Transco Ltd. (DTL) with Tehri Hydro Development Corporation and NTPC Ltd. for a total of about 1574 MW of power. Delhi is expected to have additional power availability from Tehri HEP (4x250 MW) as well as thermal stations of the Eastern Region in lieu of Tala power (6x170 MW) allocated to Eastern Region constituents.

In addition, all possible assistance is provided from time to time to meet immediate requirements, by way of utilization of capacity of gas-based stations on liquid fuel and additional allocation from unallocated quota of Central Generating Stations.

Financial assistance has also been provided to Delhi under Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) for improvement of sub- transmission and distribution system as a major step towards reduction of Aggregate Technical and Commercial losses.